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President's Message

Someday, the Club will get back to normal. I Promise. But when is the question. The Board has basically decided to suspend all indoor activities in response to the guidelines of the various counties, cities, and the state of Missouri for the next few months, or at least until this virus thing gets better. We see this as a way to protect the members, especially the older and more vulnerable ones, from any possible exposure. I know this is not necessarily a popular decision because we are not only a car club but a social club as well, but that is what we feel we must do.

In the meantime, the term of the current Board is nearing the end (November) and we will need at least three positions to be filled. We have nominations for President, Vice-president and Secretary, but if you would still like to throw your hat into the ring, please do so. Hopefully we won't have to have a mail in ballot, but you never know.

During the past few months, we have had several new members added to our Corvette family, and a few have left for various reasons. When we resume "normal" activities, please make an effort to welcome the new members with open arms, and include them as much as possible. We want everyone to feel

comfortable at our events.

Stay well and save the wave.

Don Pickles, President

Birthdays and Anniversaries

BIRTHDAYS

Kimberlie Gerecke	Sep 2
Lynda Roth	Sep 7
Jim Love	Sep 8
Kevin Yovich	Sep 14
Marian Glandt	Sep 20
Tom Marlo	Sep 26
Randy Rickermann	Sep 27

ANNIVERSARIES

Jim & Robin Avery	Sep 2
Mike & Pat Moore	Sep 2
John & Pam Corrora	Sep 6
Gene & Marian Glandt	Sep 8
Ray & Pam Queen	Sep 20
Bob & Chris Woods	Sep 20
Jared & Traci Ramsey	Sept 27

Committee Reports & Sponsor Reports

NCM Ambassadors Report

The new 2020 C-8 Corvette was the pace car for the 2020 Indy 500. The race took place this year on August 23. This was the 17th time the Corvette paced this race.

- The 26th National Corvette Museum anniversary event will be held September 2-5. The pre-registration is closed, but you can still go and register on site if you would like. There will be safety precautions in place.
- All areas inside and outside will be sanitized often.
- Inside and outside areas will be distanced.
- Conference Center entrances will be directional, to avoid congestion.
- Dinners will have a temperature screening at the entrances.
- All servers will be wearing masks.
- Museum staff will be stationed behind acrylic partitions at admissions, store, cafe, and library to help keep everyone safe.
- Museum staff will be checked for Covid daily.

One of the seminars will be with Kai Spande. He will be giving an update on the Corvette assembly plant.

The GM team will Skype in to give a Corvette update.

The assembly plant seminar is on site and virtual to participants on Thursday at 2:30.

The Chevy Corvette team update is Friday at 1 pm.

Judy and Marty Dooley
NCM Ambassadors

Future Events

Event Schedule

Following is a list of Club events through October that are either still scheduled to happen, or may have been canceled.

- 8-30 Ice cream at Fritz's - Still scheduled to happen.
- 9-01 Monthly meeting - **CANCELED**.
- 9-12 Club picnic - **CANCELED**. (Please note the replacement activity under Future Events.)
- 9-19 Ladies day at Josephine's - **CANCELED**.
- 9-26 Ramsey road trip to Litchfield - Still scheduled to happen.
- 9-27 Ice cream at Fritz's - Still scheduled to happen.
- 10-1 Eureka Springs - **CANCELED**
- 10-6 Monthly meeting - **CANCELED**.
- 10-17 ELCO hayride - Has yet to be determined.
- 10-25 Ice cream at Fritz's - Still scheduled to happen

That brings us up to date thru October. The reason the club picnic was canceled was because of 25% capacity for the shelter and a 35 group limit imposed by St. Louis County. The reason Josephine's was canceled was because of social distancing limitations. We are sorry for the cancelations, but the Board and sponsors are trying to protect the members.

Don Pickles, President

**Second Annual VFW 1830 Desoto American Graffiti Car Show
on August 29, 2020**

(This is not a club sanctioned event.)

If anybody would like to join Michelle Paillou and Michelle Finn, please send an email to michelle_finn2002@yahoo.com or text her at 314-571-8058. We will meet at Dierberg's on Tesson Ferry at 270 on Saturday, August 29 at 8:30 a.m.



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2nd Annual Car Show update

Details

~~DeSoto~~ VFW Post 1831 is hosting
The 2nd Annual

AMERICAN GRAFFITI CAR SHOW

SATURDAY AUGUST 29, 2020

ALL PROCEEDS TO THE SPINAL CORD WARD

VETERANS - JEFFERSON BARRACKS

VFW POST, 1651 VETERANS DRIVE, DE SOTO, MO 63020

9am-3pm (Registration from 9am-12pm)

Registration \$20/Display only \$10

RAIN DATE: AUGUST 30

MUSIC/FOOD/DOOR PRIZES

ANTIQUÉ BICYCLE DISPLAY

DASH PLAQUES FOR THE 1ST 50 REGISTRATIONS

AWARDS FOR THE FOLLOWING:

- TOP 35 CARS & TRUCKS PRE-1962
 - TOP 35 CARS & TRUCKS 1963-1994
 - TOP 20 CARS & TRUCKS 95-PRESENT
 - TOP 10 MOTORCYCLES
 - BEST IN SHOW & BEST AMERICAN GRAFFITI CAR
 - POST COMMANDER'S/AUX. PRESIDENT'S CHOICE
 - LADIES CHOICE
 - LONGEST OWNERSHIP AWARD and LONGEST DISTANCE
 - TOP 3 UNDER 21
 - TOP 3 DAILY DRIVERS
 - CLUB PARTICIPATION AWARD
- FOR MORE INFO: JOHN GALES @ 314-677-7700

Picnic and Winery

Join us for a fun picnic lunch and winery day on Saturday, September 12! Please meet at the Pink Elephant gas station (2599 MO-141, Fenton MO) at 10:15 am and we will leave for the park by 10:30 am. You will need to sign a waiver, because it is an official club sponsored event. You will also be receiving additional information regarding club sponsored activities and being safe during this COVID-19 pandemic. We will leave together at 10:30 to drive to the Sandy Creek Covered Bridge State Historical Site (2545, 9001 Old Lemay Ferry Rd, Hillsboro MO) off of Highway 21 near Hillsboro where we will enjoy a picnic lunch in the morning. Everyone bring their own lunch and bag chair and masks to sit under the trees in the shade! The bridge is very cool, bathrooms are available, and if you're adventurous you can even walk in the creek. Remember to bring your water shoes if you want to do this. Kathy and Terry Mueller and myself scouted it out and walked down the creek to the covered bridge, and there were many families playing along the way. It was very fun. There is a faucet to rinse off in after. Other things you may want to bring are bug spray and sun screen.

Afterwards, for those that would like to join us, we will head over to Villa Antonio Winery (3660 Linhorst Rd., Hillsboro, MO), only a few miles away, for an afternoon of wine and music! Jason Carms will be playing from 1-4 pm. You can choose to do both or one or the other of the activities! No rain date is set. We will again be using Evite. Please respond on Evite when it is sent out! Hope you can join us!

Barb & Ken Payne



ST. LOUIS CORVETTE CLUB
1ST ANNUAL
RAMSEY LAKE HOUSE
CORVETTE CRUISE!

HOSTED BY: JARED AND TRACI RAMSEY
** LOOK  FOR AN EVITE SIGN UP TO
RSVP**

September 26, 2020, 11 a.m.

**226 ARROWHEAD LN.
LITCHFIELD, IL 62056**

- *ONLY AN HOUR AND 15 MIN FROM ST. LOUIS**
- *BRING LAWN CHAIR AND SWIMSUIT (JUST IN CASE)**
- *BRING OWN FOOD AND DRINK (DUE TO COVID)**

CARAVAN INFO TO COME!!



Past Events

St Jude Drive



Ruth & Randy Howard and Laurie & Mike Grubb donated Hot Wheel cars provided by Judy & Marty Dooley for the kids at St Jude's Hospital. Even though the St Jude Drive was modified this year, the event with 53 cars still raised \$250,000! The St Jude Drive was founded by a group in Peoria, IL. This year, it consisted of people gathering in Peoria instead of traveling to Memphis.



From left to right: Randy Howard, Ruth Howard, Lesa Black, Andrew Black (President of the St Jude Drive), Mike Grubb, and Laurie Grubb. Photo taken at Forest Park Nature Center on Grandview Drive, Peoria, IL.

Special Announcements

Articles

The St. Louis Corvette Club
Historical Society Column

By Ron Hagenow

History Committee: Ron Hagenow, Marty Dooley and Mike Kirby

In September 2007, Bill Dotson was our club president and we had 70 members. Our new meeting location was at Pietro's Bluff (but not for long). At that time Jerry Fain was our club Treasurer, Roger Ruengert was our Sergeant at Arms and Carl Ballinger was our NCCC Governor. You will see these names again in our Associate Members and Remembrance article. We had the club picnic on September 16 and a caravan went to Effingham for Funfest the following weekend. 15 cars and 29 people attended the Gateway Grizzlies' game that previous August and we drove our cars around the mezzanine. I seem to remember former member Tammy Walker getting a date with their mascot!

In September 2012, Kevin Bayliss was our president and he wished us a fond farewell as he and Vikki were planning on moving back to Colorado. We had the club picnic at their house only Kevin called it a "packnic" and wanted us to help box up his house. However, several of us did offer to take the '64 he was restoring off of his hands. Also on the move were longtime members Jean and Bev DuPont who were moving to South Carolina. We had 89 members in the club at that time. All of the racing Craig family were ranked in the national points standing in the NCCC. We also participated at the Scott AFB open house along with several other clubs. We had new static clings with the club logo available for our cars.

In September 2018, Ray Queen was our president and we had 100 members. Several members had just returned from a trip to Road America in Wisconsin. Events being planned were the club picnic, autocross in St. Charles, Funfest in Effingham and a car show at Dent's Express. We also had a successful car show at Pub 231 in August thanks to the Murrays and Tidwells. Proceeds went

to the Fischer House.



Marty needs a 3 year old to tell how this works – from the NCM Anniversary weekend in 2014.



This is an aerial shot of some of our cars at the Scott AFB open house in 2009.



Judy Dooley again stealing Sharon Ballinger's fries at the NCM cafeteria during the Anniversary caravan from 2009.



Randy Howard and Mike Yaeger at Funfest from 2010. Randy had an orange C6 at the time but probably not for long.

In Memoriam

By Ron Hagenow

History Committee: Ron Hagenow, Marty Dooley and Mike Kirby



Associate Member Sharon Love Passes On

The sad news just keeps on coming. We learned that Associate Member Sharon Love passed away suddenly on July 31. Sharon and husband Jim have been long-time associate members of the club since its beginnings.

To celebrate the 50th anniversary of the Corvette, the National Corvette Museum sponsored a Motorama which had one car from each year (1953 – 2002, except 1983) caravan from Flint, MI to Bowling Green, KY. It was on this caravan that the Loves were first introduced to Carl and Sharon Ballinger as well as Jerry and Armynta Craig. They made a stop in St. Louis and a picture was taken of all the cars on Kiener Plaza. The picture is on display at the National Corvette Museum.

The three couples stayed in touch and when our club was formed, the Loves became associate members. They are still members of the Circle City Corvette Club in Indianapolis, IN. Over the years, they have become special members of our club. You find them attending many of our events such as our Christmas parties as well as caravanning with us on our annual trip to Eureka Springs. Jim and Sharon are also Lifetime members of the National Corvette Museum and have been active supporters of the museum for many years.

One of the most memorable things the club has ever done was participate in the 90th opening day ceremonies of the Indy 500 in 2006. As the story goes, Chevrolet wanted 90 Corvettes to drive on the track for the opening day ceremonies. They contacted the National Corvette Museum who then contacted the Loves. They tried to get as many Corvettes as they could but were still short of the 90

needed. So Jim and Sharon called the Ballingers who then put out the word among our club. After a previously scheduled car show, 17 cars packed up and headed to Indianapolis. It was a fantastic experience to get to drive on the track, even though we had to drive three abreast and maintain parade lap speed of about 30 mph. Leading us on the lap were the Loves, Ballingers and Craigs. After our lap, we drove our cars to the infield to be displayed while Chevrolet treated us to a catered lunch. I still have my dash plaque stating "This car completed one lap of the Indianapolis 500 Speedway" prominently displayed in my man cave.

Sharon was a friend to all who met her. If you are on our club Facebook page, you will see the many tributes and remembrances of her. She would do anything for you and really liked her "bling". She, along with several of our lady club members, always seemed to find something to buy on our many trips together.

Our deepest sympathy goes out to Jim and family. Sharon will truly be missed.



Tail of the Dragon July 2015



Sharon Love and Ron Hagenow



Loves win award at NCM



Eureka Springs October 2011



STLCC Christmas 2012



Tail of the Dragon July 2015

Getting to Know Our Associate Members

By Ron Hagenow

History Committee: Ron Hagenow, Marty Dooley and Mike Kirby

For the month of September we would like to recognize John and Pam Corrora's anniversary which is September 9. We have featured them in past articles. Also a

Happy Birthday to Jim Love whose birthday is September 8.

Now for the sad part.

First we wish to remember Jerry Fain. Jerry was our first treasurer and he passed on September 21, 2009 at the age of 73. Jerry had a very dry sense of humor. Because he mistakenly booked an extra room at Eureka Springs, that allowed us to experience the trip for the first time. Jerry famously missed a turn on the way to Eureka Springs the next year and didn't realize it until June wanted to know why they were nearing Memphis! Jerry enjoyed going to Miller's Grill in Washington and for several years after his death, we did a memorial caravan to the restaurant in his memory. Here is a button we all wore on one of our trips. Jerry was our first club member to die and June is still listed on our roster as a Lifetime member





Next we remember Roger Ruengert who died on September 16, 2012 at the age of 68. When Roger died he was no longer in the club due to health reasons but was one of the first members to join after the club was organized. Roger would literally give you the shirt off of his back and was the best friend a person ever had. He and Bonnie were a hoot and always kept the meetings or caravans lively. Roger drove a yellow C5 convertible and took a lot of ribbing because we just like to pick on yellow cars. We had about 15 cars caravan down to Imperial for his funeral.

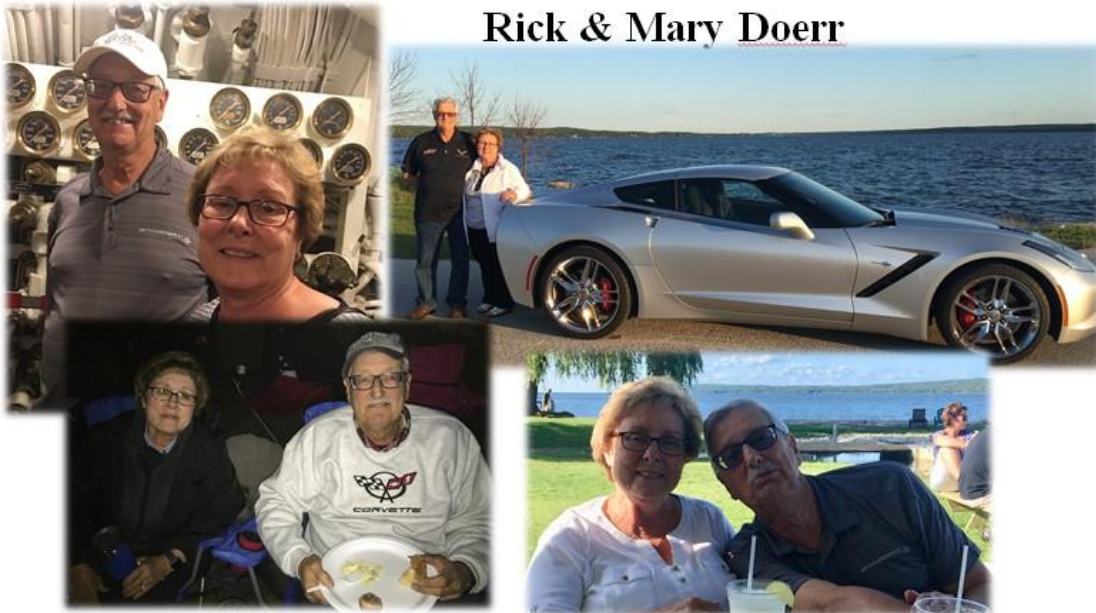


Finally we remember Carl Ballinger who died on September 26, 2017 at the age of 74. Carl was one of the original members of the club and Sharon continues as a Lifetime member. Much like Roger, Carl was a friend to all. Carl was a born motor head, having Corvettes and a street rod. He also had a 50s Buick which for some reason Pam Queen had an affinity for! Carl was a caravan captain for the 15th NCM Anniversary weekend as well as being a club officer and NCCC governor. One fond memory is going to the NCM when the Marlos picked up their car. Since Mary Ann couldn't go, I took our son. Carl offered to give him a ride. When they got back our son's eyes were as big as silver dollars and he looked a little green. I guess Carl showed him what a Z06 could do!



Featured STLCC Members and Their Corvettes

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